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At Victoria Hospital, Peak, on the 30th November, 1908, the wife of E. M. HAZELAND, of a son.

At Kobe, on the 21st instant, the wife of J. L. ROBERTSON, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

At Christ Church, Colombo, on 30th November, CHARLES JOHN STEWART, youngest son of the late Dr. JOHN MACKEE of Brechin, to GERTRUDE IRVING, youngest daughter of the late JAMES GORDON of Hope Park, Broughty Ferry. (1908)

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 3RD, 1908.

Few monarchs in Europe enjoy in greater measure the admiration of the whole world than does the venerable Emperor of Austria, and King of Hungary FRANCIS JOSEPH I who yesterday celebrated the attainment of the Diamond Jubilee of his reign. Ascending the Throne at the age of eighteen on the abdication of his uncle while the country was in the throes of a revolution there lay before the young Emperor a task demanding the highest qualities of statesmanship and the most resolute courage. A country a third larger than France had to be pacified, and good government and prosperity restored to of some thirty millions of human beings belonging to seventeen or eighteen different nationalities. In the manifest announcing his accession the Emperor promised to rule on the basis of true liberty, of the equality of the rights of the different populations, comprising his empire, and indicated his intention to suppress the rebellions then raging throughout his Empire. We need not here recall the storms and perils of the reign. The outstanding fact is the courage

and sagacity that has surmounted the gravest difficulties and brought peace to the realm and lasting benefit to all the lands subject to the venerable monarch's sceptre. In his private life the Emperor has been the victim of deplorable catastrophes, his wife, his brother and his only son having been destroyed by sudden and violent deaths. Labour has been the panacea for all the ills of his life. Few men probably lead a busier life than the Emperor FRANCIS JOSEPH I. He is obliged to be in touch with two distinct Parliaments, the Hungarian and the Austrian. His labours have been described by one intimate with the Court in the following terms: "The Emperor has to consider and approve documents submitted to him by two Cabinets comprising no less than nineteen ministers, and to follow up, with each one of them, the transactions of their respective departments. He must direct the administration and exercise the chief command of the entire army of the Empire—nearly a million men—see to the direction of the two Imperial establishments, one at Vienna and another at Pesth, with their hundreds of dignitaries, officials and retainers of every grade; he must watch with careful eye the doings of the various members composing the numerous Hapsburg Family—doings which often require close attention—nay, even superintend the management of their private fortunes and properties and, finally, takes the leading part in all ceremonies and State functions out of one Court but of two." The Emperor FRANCIS JOSEPH has always been regarded as one of the most accessible of monarchs and his own subjects manifest towards him a feeling of almost religious homage. In the course of his long reign the Emperor has seen ample evidence of the loyalty and affection of his subjects in the titles they have popularly accorded him—"The Good," "The Just," "The Chivalrous," "The Courageous," "The Noble," and it can assuredly be said of him that he is in popular estimation, extending beyond the limits of his realm, the best and greatest Sovereign Austria has ever known. It has been aptly said of him that he is one of the chief elements in the system on which the peace of Europe depends, just as in the government of his own dominions it is his personal influence which alone is able to maintain some authority over the parties and races, the discord of which threatens a disruption of the Empire. All nations of the world therefore can devoutly add their felicitations to those of the Emperor's own subjects on this auspicious occasion, and join fervently in the hope that His Majesty may be spared for many years yet to witness the continued growth of those sentiments of loyalty and affection which make for the solidarity of the Empire and the permanence of peace.

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At the Magistracy yesterday Mr. J. H. Kemp sentenced a native to six months' imprisonment for snatching a bank book, \$120 and two letters from a compatriot lately returned from Sydney.

"That Socialism is increasing and ought to be abolished" is the subject of debate at this (Thursday) evening's meeting of the Union Church Literary Club, when Mr. J. R. Wood, will preside at 9 p.m.

Hankow papers report the death of Dr. Ph. Spruyt, which took place in Brussels from pleurisy. It appears that the deceased left the Continent to return to Hankow. On the way out via Siberia, he was taken ill and had to return to Europe.

A native was charged before Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Magistracy yesterday with kidnapping a small boy and bringing him from Canton to Hongkong for sale. Defendant persuaded the boy to leave his home by promises of employment in Hongkong. His Worship sentenced the kidnapper to imprisonment for one year.

Mr. F. B. Deacon (of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon) who appeared for the prosecution in the case in which Choy Ling Sook, late cashier of the I On Insurance Co., was charged with the embezzlement of \$40,000, informed Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday that his clients did not wish to proceed with the case. The charge was accordingly withdrawn. Defendant was represented by Mr. P. W. Goldring (of Messrs. Goldring, Barlow and Morrell).

At the Magistracy yesterday before Mr. J. R. Wood, a native was charged by Mr. J. H. Kemp for the larceny of a tap from the ground floor of 75, Second Street. A further charge of wasting water was preferred against him by Inspector Robertson. After hearing the evidence his Worship recorded a conviction, but deferred sentence until the police had made further inquiries concerning the defendant.

On Thursday, December 10th, the Bandmann Comedy Company will open a short season at the City Hall. The repertoire for Hongkong is as follows:—Lady Frederick, Lady of Ostend, Silver King, Marriage of Kitty, The Flag Lieutenant, Mrs. Dot, A Royal Divorce, Mrs. Wiggle of the Cabbage Patch, Zeza, The Scarlet Pimpernel, Jack Straw, Diana of Dobson and The Gay Lord Quex.

In future the *Empress* steamships of the Canadian Pacific Railway Line will leave Hongkong at 7 a.m. instead of at 4 p.m. as heretofore.

The *Shanghai Mercury* reports an amusing incident which occurred in the Settlement the other day. A short time ago a new factory for the manufacture of socks started in rivalry to an old established institution, and between the two the greatest bitterness prevailed. Then the elder establishment took action, and by way of hitting at their competitors the managers had a series of attractive globes got up before the works. On these were printed various animals, but in place of their heads were printed the heads of the promoters of the rival concern along with various remarks upon them, all more or less uncomplimentary. Such a display had its effect, and within a short time of the appearance of the caricatures a free fight occurred between the workers in the different factories. This was not quelled until the police appeared on the scene, and it was found necessary to put the ringleaders under arrest.

SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, 2nd December.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BYRON MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (ACTING PUISNE JUDGE).

CLAIM AGAINST A SHIPPING COMPANY.

Yun Wan, the lawful husband of Yun Yan Shi deceased, and Yun Ah Mui, the infant daughter of both, brought an action against the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited to recover \$1000 damages for loss sustained by the death of the said Yun Yan Shi caused by negligence of the defendants' servants in navigating the s.s. *Loong Sang* in the harbour of Hongkong on 19th June, 1908, whereby a collision took place between the *Loong Sang* and the licensed junk No. 2566 on which the said Yun Yan Shi was a passenger. The deceased had been in receipt of from \$12 to \$15 per month as wages and had contributed up to the time of her death towards the household expenses of the plaintiff and had paid solely for the maintenance and education of Yun Ah Mui. Mr Otto Kong Sing appeared for the plaintiff and Mr Hastings appeared for the defendants.

Mr Otto Kong Sing stated that his clerk who had taken the statements was ill and he was unable to proceed with the case. He therefore asked for an adjournment.

This was acceded to.

AN ABSENT PLAINTIFF.

M. J. Maher, 108 Macdonnell Road, sued James Gay, of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, for \$50, being one month's wages, on the ground that he had been wrongfully dismissed by the defendant. Mr. Holborow, from the office of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, appeared for the defendant, but defendant did not enter an appearance.

Mr. Holborow—Plaintiff does not appear. I think he has abandoned his claim.

His Lordship (to the usher)—Call him, three times.

The usher returned and announced that the plaintiff was not present.

Mr. Holborow—I would ask your Lordship to strike out the case with costs.

His Lordship—It is just time by the court clock. I will give judgment with costs and if he appears within five minutes I will hear the case.

Plaintiff did not appear and judgment was entered accordingly.

THE AMOY CLUB.

A REGRETTABLE SITUATION.

The community of Amoy have been much excited over the annual general meeting of the Amoy Club. The main bone of contention was whether or not there should be a paid secretary, as has been the case for the last five or six years. After a heated discussion by a vote of 17 to 15 it was decided not to continue the services of a paid secretary. The immediate consequences had not been foreseen by the reforming party, 'Young Kulangan', as they may be aptly styled; for there and then the following individuals, who had been elected to the Committee of the Club or who were next on the balloting list, declined to serve—the British Consul, the British Vice-Consul, the Deputy Commissioner of Customs, the heads or local representatives of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Tai & Co., Boyd & Co., Passey & Co., Douglas Laprak & Co., and several others. Eventually the residuum composing the Committee for the following year included two Americans, one German, one Frenchman, and one Englishman, and that in a Club of whose members over 50 per cent. are British.

THE NATIONAL MOURNING.

All the yamens in Peking have stopped work for 27 days until the end of the official mourning period.

A recent edict prohibited the Provincial Authorities from coming to the Capital to visit the Imperial coffins. The Grand Council has however decided to make an exception in favour of the officials of Chihli Province.

Certain high official proposed the postponement of the military manoeuvres. H. E. Yuan Shih Kai objected stating that such an act would alarm the populace unnecessarily and a resolution was accordingly passed that the manoeuvres should continue.

The Board of Communications at Peking has issued a notice to the effect that all letters and parcels sent through the post should be in blue covers as a sign of the national mourning.

One hundred and fifty Lamas are daily in attendance near the coffins of the Emperor and Empress Dowager, reciting the ritual. They are dressed in yellow and stand in double rows. The members of the Central Government at Peking have been considering the question of instituting an Advisory Board to advise the Government on all important matters as a preliminary to the establishment of a Parliament. The Board is to consist only of high officials of the first rank but there is no limit to their number. The great majority of the members of the Government are in favour of the proposal.

TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

NAVAL CHANGES.

LONDON, December 2nd.

Admiral of the Fleet Sir James E. Erskine, K.C.B., has retired. Sir Reginald F. H. Henderson, K.C.B., has been promoted to the rank of Admiral; Rear Admirals Sir Percy Scott, H. H. Dyke and Frank Finnis have been made Vice-Admirals; Captains Farquhar and Garden have been raised to the rank of Rear Admiral.

AUSTRIA AND TURKEY.

LONDON, December 2nd.

The Austro-Turkish relations have improved.

It is reported that Austria has agreed to a conference.

THE GERMAN BUDGET.

LONDON, December 2nd.

The German budget provides for an expenditure of £143,270,450.

CHARGE AGAINST MR. BOTTOMLEY.

LONDON, December 2nd.

Mr. H. Bottomley, M.P., has been charged with conspiracy and fraud.

JAPAN AND AMERICA.

TOKYO, December 2nd.

The Foreign Office has published the notes exchanged between Sir Kogoro Takahira, Japanese Minister at Washington, and the Hon. Elihu Root, American Secretary of State, which are dated November 30th.

The substance of these notes is that the United States and Japan agree to the maintenance of the status quo for the free and peaceful development of the commerce of the Pacific.

The said Powers further agree to support the independence and integrity of China, and the "open door" policy.

Finally, should any event occur threatening the status quo, the respective Governments will take measures accordingly.

A LIBEL ACTION.

TOKYO, December 2nd.

Mr. Preston, the Canadian Commissioner, has instituted an action for libel against the "Japan Herald" claiming damages to the extent of Yen 20,000.

FATAL EXPLOSION AT SINGAPORE.

SINGAPORE, December 2nd.

A gelignite blasting charge prematurely exploded at the Pulo Ubin Quarries to-day.

A European named Ross was blown to pieces, two Chinese were killed, and five others were seriously injured. The stone was being quarried for the Singapore Harbour Works.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

THE JAPAN-AMERICAN AGREEMENT.

LONDON, November 30th.

The British and French Press heartily applaud the Japan-Agreement as a fresh guarantee of the world's peace and prosperity. The American papers also approve of the Agreement. A St. Petersburg semi-official communiqué says that the Agreement is exactly analogous to the Franco-Japanese and Russo-Japanese Agreements of 1907 and certainly forms a further guarantee of peace in the Far East, for which it is warmly welcomed.

RUSSIA AND THE JAPAN-AMERICAN AGREEMENT.

LONDON, November 30th.

The "Novoe Vremya" unreservedly welcomes the Japan-American Agreement as an influence for peace, but the "Rus" declares that it is merely a truce while two powers complete their preparations for a great struggle.

THE NEAR EASTERN QUESTION.

LONDON, November 30th.

A great anti-Austrian demonstration has taken place at Rome where troops have had to be stationed to bar the way to the Austrian Embassy.

S.S. "FATSHAN" AFFAIR.

INQUIRY AT THE BRITISH CONSULATE.

Our Canton correspondent writes:—

An inquiry was held on the *Fatshan* yesterday into the death of the Chinese passenger who, it was alleged, had died as the result of violence at the hands of a Portuguese watchman named C. Noronha. Besides the British and Chinese Authorities, three Doctors, one English, one Chinese and one Japanese were present. The post-mortem examination, it is stated, revealed no marks of violence and the doctors were agreed that the man was in a very poor state of health and was dying and that death was not due to violence.

The Chinese undertakers called in by the Nankai Magistrate examined the body of the deceased and have handed in a report which states that they found ten marks of violence on the body of the deceased and declared that death was due to violence. It is said that in the report, the undertakers actually stated that certain marks on the body of the deceased were caused by kicks from a foot. It is marvellous how the Chinese undertakers by examining the body could state positively that certain marks were caused by kicks from a foot.

CROWN V. C. NORONHA.

The s.s. *Fatshan* case was tried at the British Consular Court this morning before Mr. H. H. Fox, Noronha being charged with having caused the death of a Chinese passenger. H. B. M. Consul-General, J. D. de Costa de Moraes, Portuguese Consul-General, Mr. Sit Wing Min, the Viceroy's Foreign Deputy and the Nankai Magistrate were present. The manager of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, owners of the s.s. *Fatshan*, was also present watching the case on behalf of the firm.

Evidence for the prosecution was called—

The first witness was Tam Sheung Po who deposed as follows:—I am an insurance broker in Hongkong and was passenger of the s.s. *Fatshan* on the night of the 29th ultimo. I heard a great noise amongst the Chinese deck passengers, and went down to the lower deck to see what was the matter. I saw a man rolling about on the floor of the deck in a dying state. I did not hear the man speak. A lot of passengers were gathered around the man and there was great confusion. I tried to quiet them saying that the matter could be reported to the police on arrival in Canton. The man was then dead. I could not get near, but heard people say the man was dead. I did not see the Portuguese watchman. There was too much confusion to see clearly.

Yeung Wo Kai was the next witness called and he made the following statement:—I live in Cho Min Sai Pin Tan in *Fatshan*. I am 37 years of age. I am a rice merchant and was one of the deck passengers by the s.s. *Fatshan*. My shop name is Hang Tai. I was sitting on the floor of the deck when the deceased Portuguese watchman was killed. I saw some Chinese collecting passage money. I did not notice the Portuguese watchman at that time. They omitted to collect passage money from the deceased. Afterwards I saw a Portuguese watchman go up to the deceased and call out "Show your ticket." The deceased was then lying down covered with a red blanket. I could not see distinctly which way the deceased was lying. When the watchman cried out "Collect ticket" he kicked the deceased to wake him up and the deceased set up and rubbed his eyes. The watchman pushed deceased twice when asking for his ticket. I heard the deceased say "I have no ticket; you have not collected my passage money. How can I have a ticket?" The watchman again asked the deceased for passage money and at the same time struck deceased with his hand. Deceased cried out "Pain." Deceased then paid the watchman 60 cents from his pocket. I did not see clearly the exact amount paid, but I think it must have been 60 cents. After the watchman collected the money, he gave the deceased a hard kick with his foot and went away. When the deceased received the last kick he made an exclamation of pain. Deceased then fell back on the deck, but I am unable to say how he fell. Deceased was rolling about crying in a loud voice for some time and then became quiet. The man who sat next to me was asleep; he got up and looked at the deceased. Many other passengers also went up and looked at the deceased. I also got up and went to look at the deceased who was dead. I know he was dead because somebody pushed deceased and he did not move. I did not notice that any of the officers on board went to the deceased. Some passengers went up to call the officers. I did not see the watchman afterwards. When I went on board the *Fatshan* the deceased was already there. The affair happened at about 11.30 p.m. The deceased was an opium smoker. He was smoking a cigarette and was sitting up when I came on board the steamer. The Chinese sailor asked me for mine. They were not together. The deceased was lying alongside the hatch when the tickets were collected. The distance between deceased and myself was about six feet. The companion ladder was between me and the deceased. I did not notice who was with the watchman until he kicked the deceased.

Cheong Lan Ki was then called and said; I reside in the Yu Tai shop in Tai Shan Kai, Canton. I was a passenger on the s.s. *Fatshan* on the 29th ultimo. My age is 29. I was a deck passenger. I was lying down and was asked by somebody for my ticket. I did not see the person who asked for my ticket, but handed him my ticket. Shortly after I heard a cry "Ah Yuh" and I got up and saw a foreigner kick the deceased and walk away. I was sitting three mats away from the deceased. I saw the deceased sitting when the watchman kicked him. The deceased immediately fell down. I cannot say whether the accused is the foreigner whom I saw kicking the deceased. Deceased cried for three-quarters of an hour and died. I got up and went to the deceased, took hold of his hands and pulled them several times. As he did not move I knew he was dead. There was great confusion. I

told the people not to make a row. After a long while some Europeans came down to look at deceased.

The hearing was adjourned to 2.30 p.m. There was a large crowd of Chinese reporters, members of the Red Cross Society and Self-Government Association at the Consulate listening to the trial of the case.

The verdict is impatiently awaited by the public. Some of the local papers hint that if the case is not properly tried there will be trouble. This insinuates that they expect the defendant to be punished in any case.

THE REVOLUTIONARY OUTBREAK AT ANKING.

REVOLUTIONARIES BEHEADED AT CHANGSHA.

The revolutionary outbreak recently reported to have broken out at Anking near Nanking was speedily quelled by the promptitude of the native authorities. The Chinese garrisons were quickly near the scene of the disturbance and from the river shelled the east fort where five hundred revolutionaries were said to be stationed. These were dispersed, with a few casualties, and order is now restored.

H. M. S. *Flora* and *Britannia* proceeded quickly to the scene and stood by to protect the lives of foreigners in the neighbourhood.

H. B. M. Consul at Kiukiang wired to Hankow on the 22nd inst. "Telegraph to Anking interrupted. H. M. S. *Flora* reports that on the 19th 2,000 Chinese troops revolted and tried to seize the city. Four Chinese cruisers shelled them out of the East Fort but they still invest the north of the city. The Captain of H.M.S. *Flora* is trying to get the missionaries, who are safe, sent on board his ship."

At Changsha 100 rebels, belonging to the "Small Knife" society were captured and summarily beheaded.

The Viceroy secured the assistance of the Hupai troops in the area of the military manoeuvres and three battalions of the Nanking division were also dispatched to the scene.

A Shim, Tsotai surname Chian, had imported a large number of military uniforms into Anking, with the object of capturing the city during the Autumn Manoeuvres. The design, however, having been betrayed to the authorities, he was arrested in a lodging house, together with two accomplices. The arrested men have disclosed the names of many more conspirators.

ROMANCE OF BUSINESS.

STORY OF FORTUNE OF AN 'UNKNOWN' MILLIONAIRE.

The romance of commerce and its occasional great reward are exemplified in a striking degree in the life story of Mr. John Stefanovich Schilizzi, the "unknown" City millionaire, who died on October 13 at the age of sixty-eight, and left a fortune of £2,116,574.

Mr. Schilizzi for a time assisted his father, who had a prosperous business as general merchant at Constantinople, and then came to London to join his uncle, who traded as Schilizzi and Co., and who did a large trade in exporting Manchester goods to the East. When the uncle retired, Mr. John Schilizzi, with his brothers, Demetrius and Paul, took over the business.

houses being opened in Manchester and Calcutta. Twenty-five years ago the firm of Schilizzi Bros. was one of the best known in the City, and shortly afterwards the three brothers, having made ample fortunes, decided to retire.

Mr. Demetrius, who was a bachelor, went to live in Paris. He was generous to his fellow countrymen, and built a stately Greek church in that city. When he died some fourteen years ago he left a million sterling to his brother John, who also inherited about another million sterling on the death of his brother Paul.

Mr. John Stefanovich Schilizzi, who was married and had a son and daughter, continued to reside in England having a town house at 31, Cromwell-road and a country house at Haslemere, Surrey. After his retirement he still kept an office in the City, and up to a few days before his death came into the City every morning, but he never stayed beyond lunch-time. As he neither speculated on the Stock Exchange nor took part in the business life of the City, he was practically unknown to the present generation of City men.

Mr. Schilizzi's old-time associates in the City, who knew of the large legacies which he had received, and of his own wealth, were from being surprised at the amount of his fortune, expected that it would have been greater than has proved to be the case. But Mr. Schilizzi probably alone knew of the extent of his benefactions.

Apart from minor gifts, he has left his wealth in equal shares to his wife and his two children, a son and a daughter.

THE DEFENDERS OF SHANGHAI.

A CALL TO ARMS.

With, in the majority of cases, notice of little more than an hour or two, practically the whole of the volunteer forces of the Settlement turned out one evening last week and within a very short time from the closing of the business houses the central and eastern districts were occupied by the various units. Although the orders came out so late the men turned up in large numbers, and the scheme of defence which it was intended to demonstrate was fully carried out. The main part of the evening's operations was the holding of all the bridges leading to the central district and the effective patrolling of the eastern district, and the work was accomplished in a manner highly creditable to the S.V.C. By six o'clock the Germans and Chinese had occupied all the bridges along the Yangtze, and while along the Defence Creek "A" Co. was posted. They in turn were met by the Japanese who along with the Customs Co formed a guard along the Sochow Creek up to the Garden Bridge. From this point the defence of the Settlement was given over to "B" Co who occupied Hongkow, and the Americans and Portuguese who patrolled the district bounded by the Hongkow, Creek, This left the Light Horse, Mounted Infantry, Artillery, and Maxims free to patrol the centre of the Settlement, and from six to seven o'clock all the principal streets from the Bund to the Defence Creek were visited. Beside the volunteers a troop of Sikh policemen turned out fully armed, and played their part in the defence scheme. During the operations the police officials and commanding officers of the volunteers paid visits of inspection in motor cars, and watched the mobilisation of the troops. About seven o'clock the order to dismiss was given, and within a very short time the streets were as impenetrable of the khaki clad men as they had been a couple of hours previously.—*Shanghai Mercury.*

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR
DRAMATIC CLUB.SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTION OF
"A COUNTRY GIRL."

Last night the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club opened a series of six performances of "A Country Girl" in the Theatre Royal under the most successful auspices. Practically, no other result could have been anticipated, as the A.D.C. have acquired the reputation of doing well whatever they take in hand, but seldom have they achieved such a complete triumph as they have done on the present occasion. We have had reason to congratulate the Club on past performances and it is pleasant to be in a position to again compliment our premier amateur combination on a production which is fully up to expectations. The community will enjoy it, and no other criteria need be considered, because, after all, the important standard of judgment is whether the public appreciate it or not. And there can be no two opinions about the present production.

Of course it will be readily admitted that a performance by amateurs possesses an attraction which professionals, however popular individuals they may be, cannot hope to enjoy. That is the personal attraction, the interest that is born of personal acquaintance and friendship, and while it produces a feeling of sympathy it is also responsible in some degree for a more acute, but not necessarily unfriendly, criticism. Undoubtedly it is this bond, this knowledge, which makes in the eyes of patrons an indifferent performance tolerable and a successful production the same of perfection. It is no doubt foolish to employ such extravagant language in describing the work of amateurs, who, however clever they may be, are themselves conscious of their limitations, but it may be said of the present production that it would be no discredit to professionals.

Doubtless it is due to its excellent reputation, but it is very apparent that the Club experiences little difficulty in filling up the vacancies which must occur in its personnel in a changing community like ours. It seems to draw the best talent in the Colony, and the present cast includes a number of new performers whom the community will delight to honour. The return of Mr. H. P. White to the stage is a matter for congratulation, but the most conspicuous acquisition is that of Mrs. H. A. Stewart, and there are others who have shown themselves very useful in the minor parts.

"A Country Girl" is a fairly ambitious undertaking, but the many difficulties which it presented vanished under the guidance of Mr. John Robertson, who was responsible for the artistic scenery and the admirable effects. A bright sparkling comedy, "A Country Girl" gave opportunities for fun which were utilised to the full. The scene where Geoffrey Chalmers is surprised by his sweetheart kissing the fascinating Nan was very cleverly portrayed, and Barry, the irrepressible, supplied a good deal of amusement. To hear him refer to Michael Angelo as Mike was very much provoking, but when he inquired if he had a cousin in Kowloon he simply brought down the house. Speaking generally, the performance was characterised with a swing and a dash that indicated how thorough was the knowledge each individual possessed of his or her part and showed the excellent understanding which obtained between the various combinations—cast, chorus and orchestra. The principals filled their roles most effectively, the minor characters supported them admirably, and the chorus sang with a verve and swing that contributed greatly to the success of the production. From the curtain's rise till its fall after midnight the piece went without a hitch, and though there was an occasional hesitation, scarcely perceptible, the performance could hardly be bettered. Some of those who took vocal parts would have been more effective had their voices been more powerful and telling, but that, of course, was not the fault of the artists. Everybody was at home in front of the footlights. Not one seemed to suffer from that weakness, common to amateurs, "Stage fright," and the ease and nonchalance of the principals gave to the whole a smoothness that was perhaps its most distinguishing feature.

The cast is as under:

Geoffrey Chalmers... Mr. Geo. P. Lammert.
Rajah of Bhong... Mr. H. P. White.
Sir Joseph Verity... Lt. Com. Dickens, R.N.
Dorcas Verity... Mr. H. Hancock.
Lord Anchester... Mr. H. V. Wilkinson.
Maj. Vio... Mr. D. P. Warbrook.
Lord Grassmore... Mr. F. C. Carroll.
Sir Charles Corleone... Mr. E. G. May.
Granter Mummery... Mr. H. S. Northcote.
Rube Fairway... Mr. J. J. Darby.
Groom... Mr. J. H. R. N.
Tytchiff... Sub-Lt. D. Maxwell, R.N.
Rajah's Attendants... Mr. F. C. Hall.
Barry... Mrs. W. G. Worcester.
Marjorie Joy... Mr. W. Logan.
Princess Methilina of Bhong... Miss P. Seth.
Madame Sophie... Miss Ella Rowe.
Mrs. St. Quintin... Mrs. Henry Humphreys.
Lady Anchester... Mrs. W. L. Carter.
Miss Ecoroy... Mrs. Evan Jones.
Lady Annot... Miss D. Shelton Hooper.
Nurse... Miss Chapman.
Princess... Miss Chapman.
Attendants... Miss Chapman.
Nan... Mrs. H. A. Stewart.
Villagers, Rustic, Farm Hands, &c., &c... Mesdames Gilby, McFarlane, Capel, Tarrant, Misses Seth, Andrews, Tennant, Lambert, Hanco, Sayer, Schmidt, Miller, Messrs. Flemming, Coughtrie, Lammert, Wilson, St. Clair, Young, Nugent, Turner, Walker, Aysie, Graff, Sayer, Thomas, Hayward, H. V. Sayer.
The principal dancers were Miss Ella Rowe, Mrs. Henry Humphreys, Miss Hooper, Mrs. Gilby, and Miss Seth, while Mrs. McFarlane sang "Come to Devonshire" with a most delightful vigor and charm.

The musical director was Mr. George Grimbale, the orchestra being composed as follows: First Violins, Capt. H. M. Beasley, E.A., Mr. J. R. Hargreaves, Mr. E. Wolf, Mr. C. A. P.

Xavier, Cello.—Mr. P. A. Rosario. Bass.—Mr. W. W. Matthews. Cornets.—Mr. C. C. Elliott and Mr. Bristow. Clarinet.—Bandman Hotchkiss. The "Buffa." Trombone.—Bandman McQuade. The "Buffa." Second Violins. Mr. G. G. Catchick, Mr. J. M. S. Rosario. Bandman Tester, The "Buffa." Flute.—Mr. J. D. Osmund. French Horns.—Corporal Miller, and Corporal Miles. The "Buffa." Bassoon.—Lance Corporal Smith. The "Buffa." Timpani.—Bandman Kennings. The "Buffa." Flauto.—Mr. George Grimbale.

Without being invidious, reference may be made to the performances of several of the principals. "Nan" is the first name that suggests itself, the vivacious Devonshire girl endowed with plenty of feminine charms and thrilling with the cheer of life. Mrs. H. A. Stewart proved a comely and fascinating Nan and laughed and sang and joked to the manner born. Her interpretation left nothing to be desired; in fact it was very much admired and no more popular figure moved on the stage. Her singing of "try again Johnny" was received with great applause. The more dignified role of Marjorie Joy was entrusted to Mrs. W. Logan, a lady who enjoys the distinction of being one of the premier amateur actresses of Hongkong, a distinction gained by several clever studies. She was well suited and her impersonation was in the highest degree artistic. Her solos were exquisitely rendered, one of the most attractive being "Over the hills and far away" and the duets in which she appeared with Geoffrey Chalmers were most delightful efforts, notably the boy and girl duets. The ambitious Madame Sophie, the dressmaker who aspired to society, was cleverly represented by Miss Ella Rowe, who assumed all sorts of airs in a distinctly feminine manner. Her dainty dancing was also much admired and she came in for a fair share of the approbation of the audience. Mrs. H. Humphreys essayed the part of Mrs. St. Quintin, the aristocratic lady with electing ideas, with a distinct success, while Miss P. Seth was very effective in her characterisation of the Princess Methilina of Bhong. Miss Warren took the part of nurse very creditably, and Miss Hooper filled the pleasing part of Lady Annot. Mr. G. P. Lammert made an excellent Geoffrey Chalmers. He looked the dashing naval officer and interpreted his part with an artistic taste that appealed strongly to the audience. There was a pleasing sense of restraint manifested in all his movements. Not the least meritorious part of his performance was his singing, and alike in solos and duets he was heard to great advantage. Mr. H. P. White's commanding figure and easy, dignified mien recommended him for the role of the Rajah of Bhong in which position he was humorous and dignified as required. His allusions to the Sanitary Board made his songs more appreciated, the ease with which Hongkong rhymed with Bhong being doubtless responsible for the many references to the Colony. As the irrepressible Barry, full of fun and frolic, Mr. W. G. Worcester scored a great success. Everything he said and did was humorous from selling a worthless tin mine for two thousand pounds to his political speech in support of his master's candidature, when he declared that "politics was the ruin of Parliament," or his discourse on painters or dressing as a woman and fooling the men into proposing to him. He certainly is entitled to every credit for his good work. Though Mr. Mowbray Northcote had perhaps less to do than usual on the stage he acted Granter Mummery with his accustomed success, while Lieut. Commander Dickens acquitted himself admirably as the obsequious Sir Joseph Verity. Mr. H. Hancock as Douglas Verity, the young man who was not very keen on becoming a member of Parliament, and Mr. Wilkinson as Lord Anchester gave creditable performances.

To sum up, the entire production was in the highest degree praiseworthy. The orchestration enhanced the value of the performance and the mounting proved very effective. The tableaux in the opening of the second act aroused the enthusiasm of the audience, the effects being very picturesque. The costumes were beautiful. The furnishing was entrusted to Messrs. W. Powell and Company, and the business side of the production was looked after by Mr. A. Chapman, as business manager, assisted by Mr. M. Northcote as hon. secretary and Mr. E. Ormiston as hon. treasurer.

The large audience which witnessed the opening performance last night was very appreciative and, had time permitted, a few encores would have been given, but, as it was, the promise of three hours' merriment was more than fulfilled.

PORTIA'S SUCCESS.

Mlle. Helene Miropolsky, the handsome Portia, of the Paris Courts scored another triumph last month when she secured the acquittal of a pretty young Breton girl, named Marie Thépaup, who, in a moment of anger, had plunged a carving knife into the breast of a faithless lover named Maurice Dubouset. It was the ordinary "crime passionnel." Dubouset met the girl in Brittany, where he was undergoing his military service. When he was discharged from the army, Marie Thépaup left her home and followed him to Paris, bringing with her £33 which she had saved up. Dubouset, when the money was gone, treated the girl with great brutality, and ultimately told her he wished to have nothing more to do with her. The jury were sympathetic. The persuasive eloquence of Mlle. Miropolsky moved them to tears, and the result was no longer in doubt. Members of the jury stopped the advocate, and said they did not wish to hear her further, as their minds were made up. For mere form's sake they retired to consider their decision. Five minutes later they were back with the verdict of not guilty, which the foreman blurted out in the intervals of drying his eyes.

Reaching from the prisoner's bench, Marie Thépaup put her arms around the neck of Mlle. Miropolsky who was sitting just beneath, and kissed her on both cheeks. The President dug his pen victoriously into his blotting pad in order to conceal his emotion.

EMPEROR FRANCIS JOS EPH I.

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT HONGKONG.

The Austro-Hungarian community yesterday joyfully celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of the reign of H. M. Francis Joseph I, Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary. The consulate was closed for the day, the Consul and Mrs. Von Wiser holding an At Home at their residence "The Elm," Magazine Gap Road, in honour of the occasion. Despite rather inclement weather there was large attendance of the leading residents of the community to tender their felicitations including His Excellency the Governor, attended by Captain Simson, A.D.C., and Mr. Brackenbury (Private Secretary), H. E. General Broadwood, the Officer Commanding the Forces, H. E. Vice-Admiral Sir Hedworth Lambton and his A.D.C., Flag Lieutenant H. B. Mullen, Commodore Mrs. and Miss Lyon, Bishop, Pozzoni, the Consuls representing the various nations of the world, Hon. Mr. F. H. and Mrs. May, Hon. Mr. W. and Mrs. Chatham, Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt, Sir Francis Pigott, Capt. Blanchflower, Capt. G. C. Heathcote, Lieutenant Colonel Bayard, Commanding Officer of the Buffs, Major Percy J. Probyn of the Royal Army Medical Corps, The Officers Mess of the Royal Garrison Artillery, The Officers Mess of the Buffs, The Commanding Officers of the German cruisers and gunboats *Arcona* and *Tangloa*, with their Officers Messes, The Right Reverend Pater Augustin Plazcek, The Rev. Pastor and Mrs. Johannes Mueller, Mr. and Mrs. Harris of the Imperial Chinese Customs of Kowloon, The Austro-Hungarian Colony and many civilians.

Flags adorned the grounds of the residence and in the hall was a large portrait of His Majesty wreathed with evergreens. The Band of The Buffs discoursed an excellent programme of music which included the following numbers:

March "Under the Double Eagle"
Overture "Tannhauser" ... Wagner.
Reinforcements ... Verdi.
Valse "Blue Danube" ... Chopin.
Polonaise ... Chopin.
Selection "Faust" ... Gounod.
Entr'acte from 3rd Act Lohengrin.
March "Hoch Hebeburg" ... Kapf.

The Austro-Hungarian National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

The Consul subsequently conveyed the congratulations of H. E. the Governor to Vienna by telegram.

The Austro-Hungarian community later dined with Mr. Kitnam, who is president of the Austro-Hungarian Benevolent Society in the Colony.

MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

Wednesday, December 2nd.
BEFORE LIEUT. C. W. BECKWITH, R.N.
(MARINE MAGISTRATE).

A MISSING LIGHT.

Li Tak, master of a fishing junk, was summoned for failing, between sunset and sunrise, to exhibit at the foremost head of his junk a bright white light visible all round the horizon at a distance of at least a mile.

Mr. John Hastings (of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings) appeared for the defendant.

Constable Garner deposed to seeing a light on his starboard bow while proceeding from Castle Peak to Pillar Point in No. 2 police launch. He lost sight of this light for about a minute, next seeing it on his port bow. The coxswain of his launch put the helm hard a-starboard to try to clear the junk, but finding that he could not do so, went full speed astern. As the police launch had a lot of head way on, however, she could not stop in time, and struck the junk amidships on the starboard side.

Cross-examined—How far were you off when the coxswain went astern?—About the length of the launch.

Was it light when you saw the junk?—No. It was overcast and dull.

What light was the junk carrying?—One on her stern.

His Worship found that the defendant failed to carry the proper lights required by the regulations for the prevention of collisions, thereby causing a serious collision between the No. 2 police launch and his junk. But taking into consideration the fact that the defendant had suffered considerable loss by the collision, he would impose a nominal fine of \$10, in default, one month's imprisonment.

MORE SUBSCRIPTION GRIFPINS.

Twenty-three more subscription grifpins arrived from Shanghai by the s.s. *Hung Sang* yesterday, and were drawn for in the afternoon at Kennedy's Stables, Causeway Bay. The drawing resulted as follows:—Lot No. 25—White—Capt. Barker (Buffs); No. 26—White—General Broadwood; No. 27—Bay—Admiral Lambton; No. 28—Bay—A. Moir; No. 29—Chestnut—Capt. Houlton (Buffs); No. 30—Chestnut—C. E. Anton; No. 31—White—Lieut. Leeson; No. 32—Bay—J. E. M. Smith; No. 33—Dark Grey—A. C. Hynes; No. 34—Black—Major Finlay; No. 35—Gray—Hind and Hynes; No. 36—Roan—Macdonald and Howarth; No. 37—Iron Gray—P. W. Goldring; No. 38—Gray—Lieut. Stodd; No. 39—White—G. Friesland; No. 40—Bay—H. P. White; No. 41—Chestnut—W. J. Gresson; No. 42—Gray—F. B. Deacon; No. 43—White—J. H. Lewis; No. 44—Iron Gray—Wylong Mess; No. 45—Gray—H. N. Mody; No. 46—Bay—J. Wheeler; No. 47—Gray—H. Humphreys.

An astonishing domestic record was disclosed last month at Arzon, where a woman, who failed to appear at a summons for not sending a child regularly to school, was stated to have been just confined of her sixteenth child, and there were ten children at home under eleven years of age. The father was a labourer earning 15s. per week. The magistrate imposed a fine of 2s. 6d.

THE "LEMCO" AND "OXO"
FACTORIES AND CATTLE FARMS.

BY THE "LANCET" COMMISSIONER.

The *Lancet* of the 24th October contains a long and interesting article upon the manufacture of Lemco, Oxo and Nursing Oxo, and the huge cattle-rearing industry connected therewith.

THE OPEN-AIR LIFE.

After dwelling upon the origin of Lemco, the researches of the celebrated Baron Justus von Liebig, and the formation in 1865 of the Liebig Company—the originators of the manufacture of concentrated food foods—the Commissioner goes on to say—"It is difficult to convey an adequate sense of the magnitude of the cattle farm situated upon the Argentine, in Uruguay and Paraguay. Even a rapid round of all the estates, without spending more than a day and a night at each, would occupy the best part of three months, and the traveller would encounter over the thousands of miles covered, a vast ocean of grass, ever being replenished by congenial climate, studded by innumerable herds of cattle, each perhaps comprising from 2,000 to 4,000 head, and after some days he would begin to long for a change in the scene, for he would probably get satiated with the sight of so many cattle, albeit they are splendid beasts, whose sires are English pedigree bred. He would appreciate the curiously exhilarating and pure air; the sense of real fatigue comes but rarely in spite of hard travelling. He would admire the marvellously healthy-looking condition and cleanly and picturesque appearance of the cattle, due to careful breeding and selection of stock, and, above all, to the fact that every moment of their life day and night is spent in the open air. The whole camp is, in short, one stupendous example of the open-air life. It not only supplies abundance of good pasture and water, but it provides a continual supply of fresh vitalised air which effectively guards the cattle from those diseases to which they are prone."

FOUR MILLION ROSES OR GRASS.

When the total acreage of the Lemco and Oxo farms is taken into account, coupled with the enormous herd feeding thereon, some conception of the grass-yielding value of the pasturage is gained. Apart from sheep, the stock of cattle at the present time is about 250,000 which are distributed over 1,250,000 acres of grass. On this estimate the allotment to each animal is about five acres of pasturage. The average daily amount of grass consumed by one animal is 88 pounds; a herd of 250,000 would therefore consume per day of twenty-four hours, or approximately 22,000 tons of grass. The yearly consumption of grass would thus mean not far short of 4,000,000 tons. These quantities are prodigious, and they illustrate the increase which the land brings forth. Similarly, the annual amount of water consumed, based on the fact of one animal requiring 30 litres per day, would amount to 7,500,000 gallons per annum for the herd. These figures will convey some idea of the scale on which cattle farming is done in the Argentine and neighbouring States, but after all they refer only to the stock of one Company, which is the largest stock held, as it is the finest bred, by an individual concern. Altogether the cattle population of the Argentine is nearly 26,000,000 and in the Uruguay over 6,000,000 head.

MAGNIFICENT WATER SUPPLY.

The Commissioner describes the processes of manufacture, and makes a special point of the scientific supervision which is exercised over every detail; even the temperature at which Lemco and Oxo is prepared varies from day to day, with the age of the cattle, the season of the year, and the kind of pasture upon which they are reared. The details of veterinary inspection are most convincing, and the magnificent water supply described, diagrams being given comparing the volume of water of Uruguay with that in the Thames.

16,000 MILE JOURNEY.

The article contains a number of analyses, which will be exceedingly interesting to the medical profession, and is illustrated with a number of photos of the country. Altogether the *Lancet* Commissioner gives a very interesting account of his 16,000 mile journey, and the article, which covers twelve pages in the *Lancet* is of real educational value, and gives a clear idea of the dietetic properties of Lemco, Oxo and Nursing Oxo. The illustrations give just sufficient idea of the magnitude of the industry to make one realise that its greatness can really only be understood by those who have been fortunate enough to see the factories and farms for themselves.

THE POPE'S JUBILEE AT MANILA.

One of the most gorgeous celebrations held in Manila in modern times was held on Sunday last, the Manila *Callers* says, in connection with the jubilee of Pope Pius X. Not only were churches gayly decorated but many private houses and all church institutions put on a gala appearance in honour of the event.

The centre of the celebration was naturally the streets of the Walled City. The solemn procession was held at ten o'clock, Mr. Agius, the apostolic delegate, being the celebrant. The spacious cathedral was crammed from end to end. The high altar was beautifully decorated with flowers and brightly illuminated, and the body of the church was a mass of electric light shed from thousands of incandescents strung throughout the arches of the aisle.

Among the persons of high rank present were the Governor-General and Mrs. James F. Smith and the Spanish Consul-General. Representatives of the university of Santo Tomas and of the several religious orders were also present.

The choir of 200 voices under the direction of Sr. Mallovert interpreted the beautiful mass of Villaseca, holding the congregation in ecstasy. The cathedral choir is noted for its excellent interpretation of the works of the great masters in music but on this occasion it excelled itself.

At the close of the solemn ceremonies Archbishop Harty explained to the congregation in a few chosen words, the meaning of the celebration. The ceremonies closed with the chanting of the "Te Deum."

At six o'clock in the evening the Archbishop held a reception at his palace on Calle Arzobispo. This reception was well attended, Manila's best being in attendance, and a foreign society being in attendance from all walks in life, from present, civil and ecclesiastical, military, naval and commercial.

During the day special services were held in several churches in particular in those of S. Bede under the direction of the Benedictine fathers, San Agustin, Santo Domingo and the churches of the religious orders.

SHIPPING NEWS.

The I.G.M. str. Princess Alice which left here on Wednesday the 4th ult. at 7 a.m. arrived at Genoa, on the 1st inst. at 7 a.m.

The object of combining low-pressure steam turbines with reciprocating engines is, of course, to effect greater economy in the use of steam and to reduce the consumption of fuel. Meanwhile, it is interesting to note that, prior to this new development, the total tonnage of turbine steamers classed with Lloyd's Register amounts to 165,922 tons, according to the latest report, or twice the figures for the previous year. One of the most noteworthy instances of resort to the turbine principle is afforded by the *Tsuyo Maru*, of 13,454 gross tons, built at the Mitsui Bishi Dockyard, Nagasaki, for the Toyo Kisen Kaisha. This vessel, fitted to burn liquid fuel, is not only the largest yet constructed in Japan, but is the first so built in which turbine machinery has been installed. Two sister turbine vessels are also in course of construction in the same yard, and are likewise intended for classification by Lloyd's Register. Thus, apart from the *Lusitania*, *Mauretania*, and *Carmania*, Japan will be able to boast possession of the three largest merchant turbine steamers in the world.

Among other interesting points brought out in the annual report of Lloyd's Register is the steady decline in the production of steamers designed to carry oil in bulk. At the present time, it is stated, there are no fewer than twenty-seven oil-carrying vessels, with a total of 123,473 tons, under construction with a view to classification by the society. Another steadily-developing business is the output of steamers fitted with refrigerating installation. The vessels engaged in this trade are stated to have at the present time a total cargo capacity of over 12,000,000 carcasses of mutton, an excess of over 2,000,000 carcasses compared with the figures of two years ago. Note is also taken of the steady increase in the number of yachts and other craft which are fitted with oil or petrol engines. About 650 find a place in the current edition of the British Yacht Register, while the registry of American yachts gives nearly 1,400. France, remarks a London contemporary,

looks like embarking upon an experiment in State shipowning which will be watched with considerable attention. A bill has been brought into the Chamber of Deputies by the Government which practically provides that the Government shall enter into partnership with the Messageries Maritimes, the largest of the French steamship companies. The proposal is that in respect of the company's regular lines to the Far East, Madagascar, Australia, and the South Atlantic, the State shall grant a subvention for a period of twenty-five years, which subvention instead of being fixed, will depend largely upon the results obtained, and will be so arranged as to correspond from time to time with the actual needs of the case. The State is also to guarantee the debentures which the company will be authorised to issue for the construction of new steamers for the subventioned group of lines. In return, the State is to participate in the profits of all the company's lines under certain conditions, and after payment of a dividend to the shareholders.

It seems a venturesome sort of enterprise, yet the relations between the French Government and the Messageries Maritimes have always been close, and the present subvention approaches £500,000 a year. It is claimed too, that the Government will gain the advantage, not only of the creation of a monthly service between Marseilles and La Plata, but of a considerable increase of speed on all the principal lines as the new steamers are gradually built. Indeed, it is asserted that the arrangement is such that the State will effect an immediate saving of about £400,000 a year by saving nothing of any possible share of profits. It is alleged that some of the past difficulties of the company have been attributable to its close association with Government officials. We shall see, at all events, whether the State, as a partner in shipping enterprise, is prepared to allow the management sufficient elasticity of action.

THE WHITE CITY CLOSED.

The Franco-British Exhibition ended its crowded life on October 21.

The great "Entente Fair," as it has been called had run exactly five and a half months. It was opened by the Prince and Princess of Wales in a deluge of rain on Thursday, May 14, and it was stated officially that 140,000 people paid for admission on that day.

The daily attendance, however, grew rapidly, no fewer than 255,000 visitors passing through the turnstiles on the following Tuesday, making a total of 1,000,000 for the first five days.

It is now estimated that the total attendance has reached the enormous aggregate of more than 26,000,000.

The greatest number of visitors on any one day was on Saturday, May 23, when 300,000 people passed the barriers. It is believed that this is a record for any exhibition except the Chicago Exhibition of 1893, which had 716,881 visitors on one day.

The scenic railway easily leads the side shows in attendance records. The million sight hounds and thousands of people have experienced its thrilling thrills, while the calmer joys of the dip-flap have attracted visitors to the number of 1,110,800.

Here are some interesting figures of the number of visitors to others of the side shows:—
The Canadian toboggan... 807,000
The spiral railway... 653,617
Old London... 500,000
Johnstown flood... 445,122
Pharaoh's... 349,268

One million and two hundred and eighty thousand were the number of people who have cruised about the waterways of the exhibition in the different boats, and the Irish village, with its colleens, has attracted nearly two million more.

The catering for these gigantic crowds has naturally been one of the chief problems to be faced by the authorities. The greater part of the arrangements has been carried out by Messrs. Lyons and Co.

It is estimated that the wages bill of the exhibition staff for a whole period will work out at more than £800,000. Here are a few further interesting figures:—
Total bill for illumination... £38,500
Electric wires... 125 miles.
Exhibitors... 12,000
Value of exhibits minus art sections £12,000,000

The exhibition opened at the usual time on October 21 and the ordinary side-shows were open to the public. In the evening there was a grand fireworks display in the Stadium, followed by a massed band concert, the *Grandes*, Williams, the band-master of the Grenadiers.

The hands concluded their programme with "Auld Lang Syne," after which the entente cordiale set-pieces were exhibited, including portraits of King Edward and President Fallières.

The Franco-British Exhibition of 1908 has now become only a pleasant memory.

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VENEZUELAN PIRACY.

The seizure of a British vessel by the Venezuelan Government, and the imprisonment of her passengers and crew, reported from New York, is a fresh outrage perpetrated by President Castro. In 1901-2 a long series of such acts, directed against British, Italian, and German subjects, led to a joint blockade of the Venezuelan coast by warships of the three Powers. In June of the present year a Venezuelan coastguard ship stopped two Dutch sloops on the high seas, firing shot across their bows. It compelled them to proceed to a Venezuelan port, where they were detained two days, and all the letters on board seized.

In consequence of this outrage Holland is taking naval action against Venezuela. The Dutch islands of the West Indies, the Dutch fleet, has been ordered to the Dutch coast. The Dutch Minister and his staff have been expelled from President Castro. He has expelled the Dutch Minister and expelled Holland. The situation has been complicated by reports that he is dying.

The natural course for the British Government in the face of this new attack on the British flag will be to forward an ultimatum demanding full satisfaction, and to despatch a squadron to Venezuelan waters to secure the immediate release of the ship and all on board her.

A telegram from St. Vincent (Windward Islands) announces that the schooner *Lady Kensington*, bound for Trinidad, has been seized while beset by Venezuelan officers and her passengers and crew put in prison.

On being informed of the seizure the Governor of Trinidad requested Sir Vincent Corbett, the British Minister at Caracas, to investigate the affair. It is surmised that in seizing the schooner the Venezuelan authorities were acting in virtue of the decree recently issued by President Castro, which practically prohibits trade between Trinidad and Venezuelan ports—*Reuter*.

THE TWO SPINNING & WEAVING CO., LTD.

The report for presentation at the thirteenth ordinary meeting of shareholders to be held at the office of the General Managers, Shanghai on Tuesday, 15th December, 1908, at 11 a.m. is as follows:—

The General Managers submit a statement of accounts to 31st October, 1908, showing the result of twelve months' working to that date. The balance of profit of profit and loss is Ts. 110,109.42, which it is proposed to deal with as follows:—

To pay a dividend of Ts. 5.00 per share on 15,000 shares... 75,000.00
To place to repairs and renewals account... 25,000.00
To write off furniture account... 1,299.00
To carry forward to new account... 8,820.39

Ts. 110,109.42

During the year the sum of Ts. 15,574.53 has been expended on special repairs and renewals out of the amount of Ts. 45,539.90 set aside for that purpose in 1905.

On his departure for Europe, Mr. E. E. Clark resigned his seat on the Committee and Mr. P. F. Lavers was invited to fill the vacancy.

In accordance with Article XVII, the Members of the Consulting Committee retire, but all are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITOR.

Mr. G. R. Wingrove has audited the Company's Accounts and his re-election requires the confirmation of the shareholders.

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LONDON via USUAL PORTS: DEVAHNA	DELTA	Noon, 12th Dec.	See Special of Call.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1908.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 5th Dec., 4 P.M.
CHU and LIOLO	"HUICHOW"	On 7th Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, GAINES, COWNS, VILLES, BRISBANE, YDNEY, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE and PERTH	"TAIYUAN"	On 18th Dec., 4 P.M.

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TAKAO (Dairen)	"SHINCHIKU MARU"	SATURDAY, 5th Dec., at 8 A.M.
TAMUI via SWATOW	"DAIJIN MARU"	SUNDAY, 6th Dec., at 10 A.M.
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"HAIYAN"	SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	TUESDAY, 8th Dec., at 11 A.M.

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MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 4th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Saturday, 5th Dec., Noon.
SINGAPORE & BANGALANG	"ONSANG"	Saturday, 5th Dec., Noon.
SHANGHAI, TIENTSIN, WEIHAI-WEI & CHEFOO	"CHIPSING"	Wednesday, 9th Dec., Noon.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Friday, 11th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"KUTSANG"	Wednesday, 16th Dec., Noon.
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PORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and PORT SAID	WAKASA MARU Capt. N. Nielsen	WEDNESDAY, 23rd Dec., at Daylight
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, and YOKOHAMA	KAGA MARU Capt. G. S. Laprak	TUESDAY, 8th Dec., at 4 P.M.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, and BRISBANE	NIKKO MARU Capt. A. E. Moses	THURSDAY, 24th Dec., at Noon
YOKOHAMA, KOBE, MOJI, KAMA MARU and NAGASAKI	KUMANO MARU Capt. N. Mathieson	FRIDAY, 2nd Jan., at Noon, 09
SHANGHAI and KOBE	TOTOMI MARU Capt. M. Winkler	SATURDAY, 5th Dec., at Daylight
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	WACHI MARU Capt. H. Petersen	WEDNESDAY, 9th Dec., at Noon, 09
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, and YOKOHAMA	YEBOSHI MARU Capt. B. Kon	SATURDAY, 12th Dec., at Daylight
NAGASAKI, KOBE, and YOKOHAMA	KUMANO MARU Capt. N. Mathieson	WEDNESDAY, 23rd Dec., at Noon

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SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"YEDDO"	End of December.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE and COPENHAGEN	"SIAM"	Beginning of Jan., 09

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